



Docket No.: K21409USWO (C038435/0185656)

REPLY UNDER  
37 CFR § 1.116  
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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
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TECHNOLOGY CENTER 1600

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

*In re* Application of: )  
Tatsuo, HOSHINO *et al.* )  
Serial No.: 10/528,673 ) Examiner: G. RAGHU  
Filed: March 23, 2005 ) Art Unit: 1652  
For: **PROCESS FOR PRODUCING**  
**L-ASCORBIC ACID**

New York, New York  
August 1, 2008

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116**  
**INCLUDING AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Mail Stop AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed February 1, 2008, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for response. A three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is hereby requested. Accordingly, this response is filed timely upon mailing, with an executed certificate of mailing, on or before August 1, 2008.

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Amendment Dated: August 1, 2008

Reply to Office Action Dated: February 1, 2008

37 CFR §§ 1.8 and 1.136. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$1050.00 to cover the fee for the extension of time. 37 CFR § 1.17. Please charge any required extension-of-time fees, or any other fees, not otherwise paid by check to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Because the Office Action made the rejection of the pending claims final, consideration of this response pursuant to the expedited procedure for response after final rejection set forth in MPEP § 714.13 (8<sup>th</sup> Ed., Rev. 5, Aug. 2006, pp. 700-261 to 700-262) respectfully is solicited.

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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:** None.

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